

REMARKS

Applicant sincerely appreciates the Office's attention to the instant application. This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all issues raised in the October 26, 2004 Office Action.

5 In view of the Office's earlier restriction requirement, Applicant retains rights to present any of the withdrawn claims in a divisional application. To facilitate examination of the instant claims and to facilitate preparation of any divisional application, the text of the currently cancelled claims appears in the listing of the claims. Applicant notes that such text may be relevant to the
10 withdrawn dependent claims.

In the Office Action of October 26, 2004, the Office allowed claim 57 and objected to claims 38 and 56. Claim 38 is currently amended to include subject matter of independent claim 11 and intervening dependent claims 32 and 37. Claim 56 depends on currently amended claim 38. Applicant submits that
15 claims 38 and 56 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Claims 38, 56 and 57 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the
20 present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

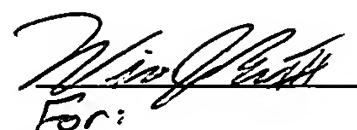
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